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If thou wouldst read a lesson that will keep thy heart from fainting and thy soul from sleep, Go to the woods and hills. —Longfellow.

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## RANDOM RECOLLECTIONS.

### REVIVAL IN A LOG SCHOOL HOUSE IN THE VALE OF SHENANDOAH.

### A Mother's Interest in the Con- version of Her Two Small Children.

Two incidents of recent occur-  
rence have superinduced in me a  
reminiscent mood of which the  
contribution to the Times is the  
outcome. One was the licensure  
a few days since at Stanton, Va.,  
of a young Seminarian to preach  
the gospel and whose first field  
of labor will be Pickens, W. Va.

His father will be remembered  
by me as among the first young  
men to unite with the church in  
Rockingham, Va., after my re-  
moval to the Valley of Virginia.

He was one of the first marriages  
At the close of these services I  
felt refreshed in spirit and body.  
In the effort to lead others to  
Jesus I reviewed the first principles  
of the gospel as patiently and  
carefully as if learning them for  
the first time myself, and the in-  
fluence is marvellous upon one's  
own spiritual interests.

He was elected one of the dea-  
cons and made a good one, as  
deacons then were. It was then  
as now matters were of such a  
type that nobody was so good but  
what there might be room for im-  
provement.

At one period there came a  
crisis in our church affairs that  
seemed threatening of serious  
consequences. Two or three  
years previously there had been  
a season of remarkable gathering  
under the evangelistic efforts  
of the Rev. C. M. Howard, who  
is so well known in Pocahontas  
county.

A torpid reaction had set in  
and many of the members was  
very anxious to have the evan-  
gelist to come again and had me  
write to him. He replied and  
stated the conditions on which he  
would come. When I read the  
letter to the session and inquired  
if they would guarantee what was  
proposed as conditions, they con-  
cluded it was beyond their reach,  
and so the matter was not pressed.

Still there was much discontent  
among the membership generally,  
and I was very much worried by  
inquiry, when is the evangelist  
coming again? The feeling seemed  
distressingly prevalent that there  
would be no use in trying to do  
any good without him or some one  
else like him.

Mr. Howard had engagements  
that would require years to meet  
if taken in the order of "first  
come, first served."

As a last resort I said,  
"Brethren, if you will promise to  
work with your pastor with the  
zeal and energy you worked with  
the evangelist, how would it do  
to have a series of continued  
meetings before the December  
communion?" Among those who  
agreed to this was the young dea-  
con in question.

The first point selected for the  
proposed services was a mission  
Sunday-school which had been  
held through the spring and sum-  
mer in the afternoons by two  
young men and three or four  
young ladies.

The log school house thus used  
was a few miles east of Rawley  
Springs, Va., and among the foot  
hills of the Shenandoah range.

The settlement was a secluded  
one, comprising a dozen or more  
families previous to that time,  
almost totally deprived of stated  
religious advantages.

Their subsistence was mainly  
derived from a variety of occupa-  
tions—splitting rails, making  
shingles, cutting hoop poles, peeling  
tar bark, picking huckle-  
berries, blackberries and coopers.

The school numbered near fifty  
pupils, old and young, and mani-  
fest improvement was made in  
their studies. I held a few preach-  
ing services during the summer.

During the months of October  
and November confining services  
were held almost nightly for five  
weeks without any ministerial  
assistance, but I was very efficient-  
ly aided by the teachers.

About thirty persons of all ages  
manifested special interest, sixteen  
of whom applied for church  
membership.

Comparatively few of the older  
people could read and while there  
was much singing and expounding  
of the Scriptures, but few hymns  
were sung and but few portions  
of Scripture were taken up.

The oftener a hymn was sung  
or a pertinent portion of Scripture  
repeated and commented upon the  
more interested the people seemed  
in the singing and the preaching.

Attendings upon the meetings  
in the foothills was with much  
inconvenience and some risk of per-  
sonal safety at times, especially  
cloudy nights. One night I was  
about to arrange for sleeping out  
in the woods when a colored per-

son, perhaps a possum hunter, in-  
cidentally passed near with a  
pine torch which enabled me to  
find the path from which I had  
wandered in the intense darkness.

Immediately after this there  
was a series of meetings at the  
church for three weeks in November  
and December which were  
interrupted by one of the heaviest  
falls of snow that is remembered  
to have ever fallen in that vicinity,  
and brought to a sudden conclusion.  
Thirteen persons were  
known to be interested. During  
these meetings two excellent ser-  
mons were preached by the late  
Rev. Samuel W. Watkins.

Five of the interested persons  
referred to applied for membership  
a few weeks afterward at the  
Sacramental meeting for which  
all these services were preliminary  
when Rev. James B. Con-  
verse was present and preached  
instructive and forcible sermons.

At the close of these services I  
was invited to celebrate. He  
became a teacher of public schools  
and exerted a positive Christian  
influence over the pupils and  
quite a number professed piety.

He was elected one of the dea-  
cons and made a good one, as  
deacons then were. It was then  
as now matters were of such a  
type that nobody was so good but  
what there might be room for im-  
provement.

Among the persons that I met  
on the train was a minister who is  
chairman of Home Missions of  
Lexington Presbytery on his way  
to Elkins, where the next day he  
was chosen moderator of the Pres-  
bytery and then became one of the  
commissioners of the Presbytery  
to the General Assembly at  
Mobile, Ala.

A like succession of Presbyter-  
ial honors but rarely if ever falls  
to the lot of a Presbyter. Lexington  
Presbytery, was at the formation  
of the Southern Assembly one of the  
largest and most influential bodies in the  
denomination of its kind. It had become  
a trite saying: "As goes Lexington  
Presbytery, so goes the synod of Virginia and as goes the  
synod of Virginia so goes the  
synod of Virginia."

After nearly twenty years sepa-  
ration it was pleasant to meet a  
few weeks since as already men-  
tioned with that youth as I re-  
membered him and recall the  
memories I am now writing for  
the readers of the Times.

The sister became the wife of a  
minister who stands in the fore-  
most ranks of the living sacra-  
mental host as one ever ready to  
spend and lie spent in whatever  
duty may be providentially as-  
signed him.

W. T. P.

How Old Is Ann.

We bought a really decent hat  
recently. It is most too good a  
hat apparently for our station in  
life inasmuch as it looks like a  
Panama. A number of people  
appeared to think it was a Panama  
and in the course of human weak-  
ness the value of the hat has  
gradually advanced until now the  
first cost of it was twenty dollars.  
Now a question presents itself in  
this light: Suppose a hundred  
thousand hats had been bought  
and they had all increased in value  
and I had felt as much lifted up  
over the hundred thousand in the  
ratio of one hundred thousand is  
to one how much money would I  
have and would there be any  
place to hold me? Perhaps the  
question might naturally arise in  
some minds how we would man-  
age to pay for the hundred thou-  
sand hats, when we had to have  
them charged. We've been  
bothered by the same question.

Notice.

All persons are hereby notified  
not to trespass on my lands lying  
on the east side of the public road  
leading from Hintersville to  
Dunmore by cutting any corner  
tree or line tree, nor by cutting  
any timber on the east side of  
said road except what is included  
within the boundary line of timber  
sold to Orwig and Kryder by me;  
nor by throwing down and leav-  
ing down my fences on said land  
on the east side of said road.

And all persons are hereby  
notified not to trespass on  
my land lying on the west side of  
said road by cutting any timber  
whatever within the boundary  
limits named in the deed from John  
Carpenter to William McLaughlin,  
nor by passing said land in  
any way except on the road lead-  
ing around the hill down Thomas  
Creek; nor by throwing down nor  
burning my fences and leaving  
open gates.

The penalty of the law in such  
cases made and provided will be  
enforced against any persons vio-  
lating this notice.

It was found in fragments  
in the woods when a colored per-

## POCAHONTAS OUT FROM THE WOODS.

Wm. H. Sawyers in His Independ-  
ent Herald Admires

The Plan Suggested By the Messen-  
ger to Elect a Few Republican  
Justices and Constitutes. If

Pocahontas W. Va. b:

Prosperous and

Happy.

Your fellow man is an "anu-  
cuss."

In fact he is nothing  
not amusing. Just now the  
Marlinton Messenger is advising  
the people of Pocahontas to vote  
the Republican ticket straight as  
it will be an "eternal announce-  
ment that Pocahontas county is  
out from the woods."

Our good brother of

the "dark of the moon,"

and leave him upwards it

will surely bring rain.

They know that the Pope of Rome is in

league with the devil and that the

Republican party is right in every

particular and that the Democrats

are wrong and always were

wrong. They know that there is

something wrong with the way

things are run in Pocahontas

county and that they will never

be run right until they run 'em.

They know positively that their

religious belief is solidly backed up

with scripture and that all

dudes are doomed to eternal

damnation. They know they are

right and everybody else is wrong.

They know that they all vote

from principle and that the Dem-  
ocrats all vote through spite.

And the editor of the Messenger

knows that the day when men

vote regardless of interest and

regardless of men has passed.

Pocahontas county is a "go

get out" from the woods."

Let the people rise up, even from

Beaver Lick to Buckeye, and

from Lobeche unto Frost and vote

to fling off the shackles of bond-  
age and the gloom of ignorance.

Let 'em get Pocahontas county

out from the woods by electing

just how much tariff we ought to

have and constables who under-  
stand the financial question.

Let Pocahontas also elect a sheriff

to date. See that his breeches

do not bag at the knees like Dem-  
ocratic breeches, and that he

wears a frieze shirt with the proper

amount of linsey woolsey in

its narrative. See also that the

member of the Pocahontas county

court chews his tobacco from the

native twist, and that he does not

chew the flat or store tobacco like

a Democrat who believes in free

trade. Then as Pocahontas